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BORDER AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Border Area Development Programmes are being monitored by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the criteria fixed by the Government for selection of area for development under this programme;

(c) Whether the elected public representatives are eligible to recommend proposals and programmes under the project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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(SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) Yes, Sir. The State Governments are required to submit quarterlyprogress reports in physical and financial terms for the schemes undertaken with the Special Central Assistance released under the Border Area Development Programme.

(b) The Programme includes all the Border blocks with international land borders.

(c) & (d) The revised guidelines for the programme effective from the current year stress the need to involve grassroot level institutions such as Panchayati Raj bodies particularly Gram Sabhas in theidentification of schemes. The State Governments are required to work out appropriate modalities to ensure greater participation of the people of the border areas in the selection of the schemes.